

Amendment to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the following attached amended Abstract:

Abstract

An apparatus for cutting bone is provided, the apparatus includes an elongate member having a central axis. The elongate member includes a tubular portion that extends between a proximal end portion and a distal end portion. The distal end portion includes an articulatable head section with a stop surface and a cutting edge projecting from the stop surface. The head section is articulatable about a pivot axis that extends transverse to the central axis. The apparatus further includes a mechanism for articulating the head section relative to the tubular portion. ~~The apparatus is a form of an osteotome that is particularly useful for certain spine-related surgical procedures.~~